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Continuation of Item No. 11. NOTE: The Applicants' arguments filed 10/21/09 have been considered but are not persuasive. The Applicants argue that the instant invention is directed to a thickness of 0.5 to 1 microns, which is a very narrow range of thickness relative to Ishikawa's range of 2 to 50 microns, constituting a major difference, and hence one skilled in the art would not be motivated to vary the thickness beyond the very large range taught by Ishikawa.

However, the Examiner respectfully disagrees and notes that Ishikawa does not limit the adhesive layer to the recited thickness range given that Ishikawa clearly teaches that the range is only preferred. Therefore, given the absence of any showing of unexpected results with regards to the instantly claimed 0.5 to 1 micron range, the Examiner maintains her position that conservation of the adhesive material in conjunction with routine experimentation would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, resulting in the claimed invention, particularly since adhesive thickness is a known result-effective variable affecting the adhesion strength between the two adherents. The Applicants further argue that Ishikawa teaches a polyimide formed from a three-component system while the instant claims are directed to a two-component system. However, the Examiner notes that the instant claims do not limit the polyimide to a two component system. The instant claims only recite that the polyimide is formed from an aromatic tetracarboxylic dianhydride and an aromatic diamine. Therefore, considering the polyimidosiloxane taught by Ishikawa is a polyimide which as taught by Ishikawa is formed from an aromatic tetracarboxylic dianhydride and an aromatic diamine, in conjunction with another diamine, namely the diaminopolysiloxane, the teachings of Ishikawa read upon the claimed invention.

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